EDITORIAL NOTES. PEACE OR WAR.

The question as to whether the present contest over the Presidency will result in a civil war is one that is being seriously propounded and discussed by thousands of thoughtful men all over vou an apology." the country. Nor are those conditions lacking which render the supposition possible, if not probable. Indeed, many of the existing complications are favorable to such an end. In all our cities of employment, hungry and desperate. ly willing to accept almost any change, viation of their present condition. And, ure, the fact of its existence would never worse than all the rest, leaders are not have been mentioned-so that, unconwanting who are rash enough to inaug- sciously, the apology has become con urate the havoc, regardless of any save verted into a compliment." the immediate consequences of personal no means devoid of dangerous and om-

really but little probability that there preservation. But, despite its commonwill be any final appeal to arms to de- ness, there is no habit which is produccide the question of party supremacy.

scarcely fall to stop and ask the question as to what it was all about. Our fathers fought for certain principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the preceding Bill of Rights. In the subsequent war with Great Britain a principal was at stake. The late civil pressible conflict between Freedom and Slavery. But if the present contest characterized by any such clearly defined and sufficient casus belli. It would simply be a war for the succession—such as the wars of the Roses or the conflicts that have made Mexico a by-word among

But even where there is none of this feeling among the people there is another element which would promptly stop any bloodshed-and that is the Money Power. Civil war, at this junction, means repudiation of the national debt. inflation of the currency and possibly a good many other things very distasteful to that class of men who live upon interest and a fixed income. The money monopolists who rule the country never allow their partizan zeal to overcome their discretion. They control the press

war is thus improbable, the fact that its possibility can be a subject for discussion and apprehension remains. And this is a sign of danger only one degree less than would be the actual conflict. The possibility that such suggestions can even be seriously entertained proves a degree of degeneracy in American patriotism frightful to contemplate and one which few would believe at first mention. A war would be the deathblow to free institutions and free government. The fact that a war can be believed possible is scarcely less disastrous.

Whenever it becomes, indeed, possible to involve this country in the horrors of a civil war, over the mere question of succession to office-over the query. "who is elected" -then is the end near at hand. The condition which permits the suggestion to be entertained needs reformation quite as much as that which would allow the realization of what, now, is merely talk.

In Iowa it has been decided that ther is no reason why women cannot hold Judge of Supreme Court and Member of you for using tobacco or wine may have the Legislature. Now can Susan B. a habit of cormorantish appetite dragsound her loud timbrel.

The Pilgrims at Plymouth found it necessary to pass a law, fining any man twenty pounds who, having been elected to an office, should refuse to serve. In the favored age upon which we have fallen, such severe enactments

The man who chides his neighbor for lack of christian zeal may, by his very words, exhibit a far more damaging lack of charity and forbearance. And all who seek to set themselves up as mentors for others' conduct are the very ones who give the most convincing proof we have fallen, such severe enactments ones who give the most convincing proof are quite unnecessary. The martyr- of being the possessors of a habit which spirit of the office-holder of this present should be among the first to be overcome, generation is something wonderful to -that of judging without sufficient

FROM Washington comes the news all no one can form any right opinion that the wooden pavement on near- as to another's motives. The most that ly all the principal avenues has been condemned as worthless. The whole amount of this kind of pavement in the capital was 852,000 feet—and of this ever six hundred thousand feet have ever six hundred feet have ever six hundred feet have ever six ly all the principal avenues has been the best can do is to endeavor to walk

and complete account of the late terrible railroad accident at Ashtabula. Beyond own could possibly have been. giving the report of the occurrence we refrain, however, from all comment. The Coroner's Jury now investigating the causes of the catastrophy are said to be determined to search out and place the blame where it belongs. When this Rural, is about to begin the publication has been actually done there will be of a new paper, to be known as Lewis' Rural. time enough for criticism.

1877 has fairly begun. The present is, Beckner, is one of the oldest Masonic REGULATOR. therefore, an eminently proper time for papers in that city. We commend it to thoughtful reflection, earnest thanks- all who feel an interest in that kind of giving and firm resolutions for the fu- class publications. giving and firm resolutions for the future. The twelvemonth just passed has furnished many grounds for a realization of the Mercy that guides the affairs of earth—but it has also furnished many instances of suffering, destitution and calamity. The scriptures say that when contact the suffering suffering to the suffering town don't take a notion to perform the like ceremony with its inhabitants, it may be able to pass for quite a city, for some time yet.

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ing them loaded one, placed it to his per year. head, fired and fell to the floor a corpse. At the inquest, physicians testified that the condition of the body showed that no food had been partaken of for several days. Too proud to beg and teo honest to steal, the unfortunate man had evite steal th the condition of the body showed that dently determined to adopt the only oth- H. S. Clarke; "The Sackful of Soverdently determined to adopt the only other alternative open to him. And who can tell how many others who wear the garb of gentlemen and pass for such are, to-day, in the same miserable strait? The incident affords a pertinent illustration of the existence of those "good times" which Administration Resumptions of the existence of those "good times" which Administration Resumptions (Chicago materially differs to the first open can be recommended and 153 Fifth the simulate are an persistently claiming to the same miserable strait? Chicago materially differs to the same miserable strait? The Sackful of Sovering the sackful of S tionists are so persistently claiming to Avenue., Chicago, m aterially differs E, T, TAYLOR, Agent for Grangers of Georgia be "near at hand" and even here.

OUR WEEKLY REVERIE. GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

"Come in," we said, in answer to a nock at the door and not in too pleasant a tone—for the prospect of being disturbed, just as we had nicely fixed urselves for an evening's reading and

writing, was not particularly attractive "Wish you a Happy New Year," was he cheerful reply, as the door opened and our old friend, the Doctor, came in. "Do you know, Doctor," we said, af-"Do you know, Doctor," we said, af-ter he had removed his wraps and set-before the Private Bills Committee of "And for what?"

"For mentally anathemetising you when you knocked just now-or more properly, for anathemetising the unknown person who was coming, as we there are tens of thousands of men out supposed, to inflict an evening's senseless talk upon one who had just prepar-Throughout the entire country the mass of himself for a far different way of opens with a beautiful Christmas poem by Mrs. L. C. Whitton and ends with a of the people are dissatisfied and sullen- passing the time. Of course, if the finding that it was you had not entirely if it only afford the prospect of an alle- changed this feeling into one of pleas-

"The practice of pre-judging from ingain. Altogether, the situation is by sufficient evidence is too common to attract much attention or comment," was the answer of our friend, "while a comtive of so many evils, so many misun-Despite existing dissatisfaction there derstandings and so many heart-aches, as

that regard?"

"The task would be found more difficult than you think, I imagine." "But this is pre-eminently the season of good resolutions."

"Nominally so, yes," said the Doctor. And then, a moment later, he continwar was but the closing act of the irre- ued, "There is something in the commencement of a new year that naturally suggests thought of habits contracted or should end in war, that war will not be pampered during the year that is past and, as we see them clinging to us like vampires, sucking the blood from our moral veins, we plant our feet with something very like resolution, and descent the something very like resolution, and decentering very like resolution. clare that we will henceforth turn over a new leaf. At the time probably there are but few not honest in these determithing to overcome. But unfortunately painting by J. E. Millais. we find, all too often, that we have reck-

oned without our host. Habit is posses- magazine stories to interpret the Norse sed of wonderful strength. When we character. His paper on "Norway and and the leaders and when the proper time comes will assuredly call a halt in warlike preparations. Fortunately for all, the interests of this powerful class are, in this crisis, on the side of peace.

But while the actual occurrence of we become its victims again, until another new year brings other new resolutions, to be broken again in after time."

Alle and the writer, General George B. McLellan. A third illustrated paper is "The English Workingman's Home," by Charles Barnard, descriptive of certain phases of Co-operation. Clarence For a few moments the Doctor sat in silence, gazing into the fire, and then continued: "When a man leaves off a habit fires to furnace-heat, kerosene to gas and then resumes it again, I am reminded of the scripture where the evil one goes out of a man and seeks rest in dry goes out of a man and seeks rest in dry co," "The Moral value of Physical places, but, finding none, returns to his Strength" and "The Disease of Mendiplaces, but, finding none, returns of cance." "The Old Cabinet" is about old apartments that have been cleaned "Charlotte Bronte," "Savage Life in up during his absence, to follow the simplifying rule that the latter days of that man are worse than the first. Habit and appetite once established, they are and appetite once established, they are about as hard to throw off as was the little old man of the sea, who volunteered as a neck-tie for the renowned Sinbad.

People who stick to their new year good resolutions for one month are deserving Gen. McClellan's "Winter on the Nile," of a medal as big as a griddle for their moral heroism."

"And did you ever find it thus hard," we inquired, "did you ever have habits "Did I!" repeated the Doctor, "who is there who has them not? Habit takes position," by J. S. Ingram. As was to any office in that State, except those of a thousand forms and he who rails at have been expected, the great World's ging him down in another direction. The man who chides his neighbor for knowledge of the matter upon which they assume to sit in judgment. After

becomes of that famous Five Thousand
Dollar Argument in the face of this fact?

And after he had gone his words
seemed so appropriate to the season that
we simply wrote them down and give
and complete account of the late terrible

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EXCHANGE NOTES.

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H. N. F. Lewis of Chicago, former

THE Corner Stone, published at 59 THE Centennial year has ended and Broadway, New York, by S. W. E.

instances of suffering, destitution and calamity. The scriptures say that when God's judgments are on the earth men should learn wisdom—and surely wisdem is needed not less to provide for the sorrowing and suffering victims of poverty and accident than to avert serious dangers to our country.

The publishers of the Phrenological Journal appear to have made some exertions, in order to present to their readers an unusually interesting number upon the opening of the new year. In the issue for January, now before us, the issue for January, now before us, the table of contents shows a variety and an inspection of the articles shows a variety and an inspection of the articles shows an abilality, not ordinarily to be expected even A rew days since a well-dressed stran-ger entered a Boston hardware store, anonired for pistols and after examin-

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from most other of the juvenile maga-

zines. In the first place it is remarkaoly cheap-bein only \$1 per year. And then its publishers introduce several new features in the way o offering cash prizes for various things. Our readers should accept the Editor's offer and have sent for one month on trial for ten

ents and then they can all judge for hemselves as to its merits. FROM the St. Thomas, Canada, Times we learn that the New York Graphic, which was started mostly by Canada capital, is in an insolvent condition. According to the Times, the matter was retled himself in an easy chair, "we owe the Provincial parliament and the statement made that the paper had completew sunk it's capital of \$750,000. Francis desired to secure a bill allowing the concern to be restarted without the burthen of a paper, but failed to secure

CHRISTMAS in the superlative degree pervades every department of the D cember number of the Wide-Awake. It song, "Christmas Eve," by Emily Par-sons Goodrich. Between these two are presented a choice selection of Holiday dainties which cannot fail to be appre-ciated by it's thousands of readers all over the country. Justly the Wide-Awake is becoming one of the most pop-ular children's magazines ever publish-ed in this country. Boston, D. Lothrop & Co., at only \$2 per year.

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Well, Doctor, then should we not always agreed with its views—in fact have ways agreed with them. But that of forming immature and ill-founded opinions and prejudices."

"Well, Doctor, then should we not all determine to forever 'swear off' in which it afterwards defends them. We most cordially commend the Democrat to our readers and, at this season of mu-tual good will, wish it all prosperity.

St. Nicholas for January contains several contributions by noted writers. The poet, William Howitt contributes a "Letter to a Young Naturalist," full of "Letter to a Young Naturalist," full of instruction and anecdotes; and Professor Richard A. Proctor has an article on "The Stars for January," illustrated with five handsome engravings. J. T. Trowbridge is represented by the second installment of his new serial for boys, "His Own Master." This atory con-

esen furnishes a fine fairy tale entitled "Mable and I." Among the most notable of the stories are "Katinka," a Rusnations. We all mean to stick to our self promises. But, alas! with the waning year resolution wanes and we find that our promises, like pie crust, are easily broken. Like a man full of wine and meat disavowing a desire for food, so we, with appetites satiated, for the nonce deem that appetite is an easy trated by the frontispice—a copy of a

> Prof. Boyesen has done much in his Cook's eighth paper on household dec-oration contains the author's reasons for In "Topics of the Time," Dr. Holland discusses "The Chinese in San Franciser." "Culture and Progress" has a new feature in a regular letter from London on "English Books." The February all who intend buying wayons to be sure and

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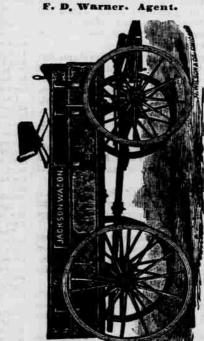
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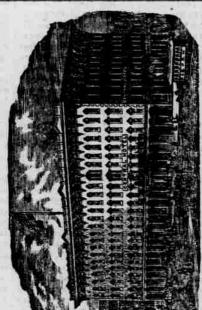
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